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NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

May 18, 1982

8 p.m.

Borough Hall

Program

"Birdwood" by Mrs. Donald Long

On Tuesday, May 18, the Historical Society of Haddonfield will enjoy a slide presentation of "Birdwood," the portion of John Haddon's lands given to John Estaugh Hopkins, after the building of the manor home and mill in the late eighteenth century.

The program will be presented by Mrs. Donald Long, a long-time resident in "Birdwood," whose father, Chester W. Smith, built many of the Birdwood Tract homes. Mrs. Long holds degrees in French, commercial subjects and counseling, and has been a high school counselor for twenty-two years. However, since early childhood the trees, shrubs and flowers of the woods and fields of Birdwood have engaged her interest. In recent years photography has lent an added dimension to this interest, and in the last two years the history of Birdwood has occupied much of her attention. The May 18 program will combine all of these interests, and should give a fresh perspective to our perceptions of the Birdwood Tract.

EVENING GROUP MEETING

May 26, 1982

Greenfield Hall 7:45 p.m.

"The Historical Society's Library and Its Contents"

by Gertrude Hess

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring bringing forth the flowering trees, shrubs and azaleas is evidence of new growth and beauty. It is also a time when the members of the Historical Society look forward to the June Fair.

The Society has also had new growth - in membership. The June 5th Fair will be an opportunity for the new members and those of long standing to demonstrate their interest and support of this annual activity. The Woman's Committee and the Evening Group have been working throughout the year for this special event. Let us show them by our participation how much their efforts are appreciated.

Ways and means for the financial growth of the Society is a priority concern, and is under consideration. A fuel saving device is to be installed in the heater as a first step in this direction.

The accession list in this issue is another evidence of growth and interest in our organization and in particular, the Library.

The dedication and knowledge of the many volunteers have helped immeasurably in the growth of activities and in creating an awareness of the Society in the community.

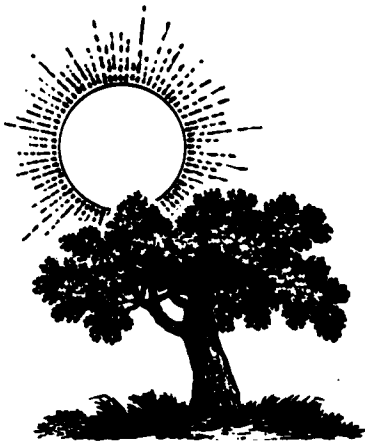
Let us remember the quotation, "We are made wise not by recollections of the past, but by the responsibilities of the future."

Looking forward to seeing you at the May 18 meeting,

Dorothy B. McGlade, President

### CONGRATULATIONS

The Society congratulates Lester E. Mount III upon his induction as an Eagle Scout on April 17 in the Grace Episcopal Church. In accepting the award Ed graciously acknowledged the use he had made of our library resources in preparing his project, "A Pictorial Record of the Haddonfield Business District." Assisting in the ceremony was Eagle Scout Rick Watson, another high school student who finds the library helpful.



# COUNTRY FAIR JUNE 5

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD  
INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
to a fun-filled day at the great

## ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday ,June 5,1982 Starting at 10 a.m.  
on the grounds of Greenfield Hall

Meet your neighbors, make some attractive purchases, and  
take part in one of the most popular events of the year.

## SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS

Auction of Collectibles

Garage Sale

Artists' Clothesline Sale

Book Sale

Market Booth (strawberries and other fresh produce!)

Baked Goods and Plant Sale by the Evening Group

## LOTS OF DELICIOUS FOOD TO EAT WHILE BROWSING

Hot Dogs and Soda Funnel Cakes Coffee and Doughnuts

A gourmet luncheon served on the terrace or in the dining room

NOTE: ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR THE GARAGE SALE - a good chance to  
clear your attic of everything except clothes.

Please bring items to Greenfield Hall's Garage any weekday  
from May 25 to June 4, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and on  
Saturday, May 29, from 10 a.m. until noon. Margaret Manze  
and Dorothy Sherrerd will be there to receive them.

URGENT !!

FROM THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE

Haddonfield is a remarkable and unique town in New Jersey. One of the reasons for this is that it is rich in history and tradition. The Historical Society of Haddonfield is an organization that supports this richness both in the past and the present. However, there is a question that is critical: "Who is going to support the Historical Society?"

Our financial needs in 1982 and the future years are critical. The Woman's Committee has committed itself to the repair of Greenfield Hall. During the past year it has disbursed \$11,500. A contract to complete this work has been presented with a cost of \$14,000.

It is paramount for all members of the Society to be aware of the need to create new ideas to raise funds. Secondly, there is the need for persons to volunteer to assume the responsibility to chair new events. Fortunately our members volunteer their services when requested, but our main problem seems to be the need for a volunteer to "TAKE CHARGE."

This message is to formally ask all members to seriously give their attention to this problem.

Please respond to Ruby Oberst (859-8024) or to Betsy McMenamin (795-1399) with your new ideas.

Now is the time to begin plans for next year!

Thank you,  
The Woman's Committee

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Successful completion of the Adult Seminar series, given in cooperation with the Haddonfield Adult School. Plans are under way for a new adult series in March of 1983.

A loan of period costumes to the Haddonfield Memorial High School for their annual Spring fashion show in March of 1982.

A building tour and a brief lecture to two senior high school English classes, to prepare them for the senior essay contest. The contest topic is "Haddonfield - 300 Years."

The development of a children's enrichment program, "History Come Alive," to be presented to our school children, starting in the Fall of 1982.

RECENT ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Grateful acknowledgment is made to the following persons and organizations for their gifts -

Mrs. Ruth Beals

Collection of miscellaneous items pertaining to Haddonfield. 20 pieces.

M. Lelyn Branin

Abstracts of the wills of Charles and William Wingender. Copies of transcripts.

Mrs. Mary T. Brigham

Additions to a collection of local history materials including postal card views of Haddonfield. 35 pieces.

Camden County Cultural and Historical Commission

Mackey, Philip E. Inventory of the Samuel Mickle Papers on deposit in the Camden County Historical Society. 1977.

The Campbell Museum

Collier, Ralph. Selections from the Campbell Museum Collections. Camden, 1978.

Mrs. Alfred E. Driscoll

Map of Haddonfield. 19th century. Framed.

Charles H. Evans

Map of the Township of Delaware by J.C. Sidney. Philadelphia, ca. 1850. Shows property of Evans family.

John Gill

Additions to the Gill Family Papers. ca. 75 pieces.

Roy F. Githens

Githens, Sherwood. The Githens Family in America, 1741-1977. Copy of typed document; accompanied by numerous genealogical notes and working papers. 7 notebooks and ca. 150 letters.

Mrs. Lois Z. Greff

Haddonfield Public Schools. Diploma issued to Julia Watson; June 1, 1878. Printed D. filled in in ms.

Haddonfield Public Library

Anderiese, W.S. History of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge. Camden, Delaware River Port Authority, 1981.

Joseph N. Hartel

Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Resolution in re Samuel Wood. 1929.

Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, Sr.

Dorwart, J.M. and Mackey, P.E. Camden County, New Jersey, 1616-1976; with notes in re dedication of the new bridge at the intersection of Kresson and Haddonfield-Berlin roads, May 8, 1981.

Haydock, Mrs. Edna L. Papers on the Samuel Mickle (Hip Roof) House; Its furnishings; and Timothy Matlack. Mss. 3 pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Herr

Genealogical material on the Fox, Duffield, DuBois and other families. Mss. and newspaper clippings. 2v. Autograph albums, 1880-1890. 2v.

Mrs. George Kennedy

Article on "The Stuessy Dollhouse" (a miniature replica of Greenfield Hall) from Family Crafts, September 1979.

Mrs. Bette Kunkel

Pen and ink sketch of the Lippincott house; ca. 1876.

Mrs. John C. Lang

A Chronicle of Newton Colony. 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Long

Long, D.M. Genealogy and history of the Thomas Long family; March 1980. Typescript.

Long, S.S. The paternal and maternal genealogies of Chester W. Smith... The family lineage of Richard Smith... The family lineage from Henry Tuthill. 1980. Typescript.

The genealogy of the Hopkins of "Birdwood." 1981. Typescript.

Copies of documents pertaining to lands owned by the Hopkins family -  
Lease - John E. Hopkins to James Troth for grist mill, Feb. 28, 1850.  
Agreement between John E. Hopkins and Samuel H. Aldridge, Sept. 1859.  
Description of land to be acquired by the Borough of Haddonfield from the Hopkins Estate. n.d.

Miss Virginia Marshall

Miscellaneous items pertaining to local history including programs of the Garden Club, 1948-1971. 30 pieces.

Mrs. Sally Price Mitchell

Clement, Jacob. Deed to John Clement for property in Haddonfield, April 1, 1782. Ms.

Mrs. Robert J. Moore

Moore, Mrs. Frances O. Victorian architecture, 1837-1893. Paper written for The Questers. Typescript.

National Railway Historical Society

Cook & Coxey. Atlantic City Railroad. 1980.

Long, Robert, comp. History of railroads in Haddonfield. Book of photographs. 1982.

Mrs. Ruby Oberst

"Two artistic spirits - John and Kaye Gill." Newsclipping.

The Questers. John Estaugh Chapter

Taten, Mrs. H.R. Early history of Victorian furniture. 1981. Typed D.

MacKenzie, Mrs. M.J. Quimper ware. Typed D.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Richardson

National Railway Historical Society. West Jersey Chapter. The Philadelphia, Marlton and Medford Railroad, 1881-1931.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stewart

Memorial address on the life and character of William J. Browning. 1922.

Mrs. Edgar Sutherland

Postal card views of Haddonfield and a photograph of the Edgar Clement house on Cottage Avenue. 7 pieces.

Mrs. Helen K. Taylor

Snicer-Rudderow-Ashburner, a genealogical study. Ms.

Laurence J. Test

Tape recordings -

Bicentennial concert, September 20, 1975.

Lennon, Patricia. Historical tour of Haddonfield, 1976.

The Haddon Fortnightly. Celebration of Mrs. Edna L. Haydock's 100th birthday held during the meeting on January 29, 1982.

Camden County - 300th anniversary of the first settlement. Program of meeting held on October 21, 1981.

Hood, Mr. and Mrs. John S.

Preservation News, Dec. 1980-March 1982.

Historic Preservation, Jan./Feb. 1981-March/April 1982.

The Hip Roof House  
A Magic Name

"The House With Nobody In It"

by Edna L. Haydock

No other house is left in Haddonfield that can be associated with Elizabeth Haddon. "Here, doubtless, she made daily visits to the widow of her beloved kinsman, Ebenezer Hopkins, and her children, after his death in 1757. It was here Sarah came with her family to live and Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh looked closely after her comfort and the moral training and education of the children. In these orphans she saw the perpetuity of her large estate in her own blood. In this house resided her only collateral descendants and those who were to her the continuation of her family in America." This is quoted from John Clement's story of Elizabeth Estaugh. Elizabeth Estaugh bought this property in 1752 from the Samuel Mickle estate, after the death of Samuel Mickle in 1748 and Letitia, his wife, in 1751.

Interestingly enough, it was on land John Estaugh and Elizabeth had sold to John Gill from her father, John Haddon's purchase from Richard Matthews.

John Gill, in turn, sold one acre, one rod and 14 perches to Jonathan Ellis in 1733 for £ 16. Ellis in 1736 sold it to John Kaighn for £ 105. The deed now mentions a brick house on the lot. The same year, 1736, John Kaighn sold it to Samuel Mickle, a sadler, who came to live in Haddonfield in this house.

He married his neighbor's daughter, Letitia Matlack, in 1742. They had one son, Samuel. Samuel Mickle, Sr. died in 1748 and directed in his will that the property be put up for sale.

The Pennsylvania Gazette Sept. 22, 1748 contained the following advertisement: "To be Sold or Let. A Commodious brick house, a lot with good shop and barn situate in Haddonfield, Gloucester County, the lot contains an acre and a half with near a hundred fruit trees. The situation is very convenient for a shop keeper or tradesman. For terms inquire of Letitia Mickle living in said house or John Mickle or David Cooper, Trustees." Undoubtedly the shop was our Hip Roof House, listed in each deed, after Samuel Mickle's purchase as "a Tenement." It was his sadlery shop, adjacent to their brick house.

Prowell's History tells us "The lots adjoining the hotel proerty of Hugh Creighton were purchased by John Clement in 1836 and the brick houses now standing were erected and given to his three daughters. The Houses standing on the lots were small, one story and a half and hip roofed. The one next the hotel was owned by Isaac Kay, the next by Thomas Denny and the third was moved to Ellis Street, where it now stands and is the residence of Mary Allen. The lot on which this house stood was owned by Samuel Mickle, who built it."

At 23 Ellis Street the Hip Roof House spent another lifetime but many historically minded people were afraid that this, our oldest house of memories, would be lost. In 1962, through the generosity of many of our townspeople the Historical Society of Haddonfield was able to buy and have this "oldest house" moved (1965) to John Gill's lovely garden, beside this beautiful home, Greenfield Hall, now the Historical Society's headquarters.

With apologies to Joyce Kilmer I quote this poem:

A house that has done what a house should do, a house  
that has sheltered life,  
That has put its loving wooden arms around a man and his  
wife,  
A house that has echoed a baby's laugh and held up his  
stumbling feet,  
Is the saddest sight, when it's left alone, that ever  
your eyes could meet.  
So whenever I go down the highway along the shady street  
I never go by the empty house without stopping and  
looking back,  
Yet it hurts me to look at the crumbling roof and the  
clapboards falling apart,  
For I cant help thinking the poor old house is a house  
with a broken heart..

Yet as we enter this house of memories, we can almost hear Elizabeth Estaugh say to her beloved kinswoman, Sarah Lord Hopkins, "I hope the people of Haddonfield will keep the trust we are passing on to them"

This is the opportunity for us, of this generation, to preserve this mystic symbol of that which Elizabeth and John Estaugh created, that has come down through the years to us in our beautiful old community.

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